

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, October 17, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Hermitage, October 17, 1844.

My dear Mr. Blair, Yours of the 28th ultimo was received by due course of mail. Last Saturday I had a Hemorrhage that lasted me about half that day, the application of the lancet and common salt stopt it. This, of course, has weakened me somewhat. I never knew until the night of the 15th instant, that the draft drew by Major A. J. Donelson and indorsed by me, had not been punctually paid, and of course protested. I am advised by Mr. Hust Notary public, that the matter has been satisfactory arranged etc. I have seen Major A. J. Donelson upon the subject, and he will remit a check to morrow thro' the Nashville Postoffice, for \$2500 to meet this debt, and get the Postmaster Genl. Armstrong to note the same, for safety.

The Major has had great trouble with his brotherinlaw Stockly Donelson in mony Matters and has caused this unfortunate failure to take up this bill in due time. had I had any information on this subject altho the debt was the majors I would have went into Bank and remitted the amount, but it is too late now for me to repine, the injury to our credit is done and cannot only by remitting the amount be repaired. The major assures me he will send it on tommorrow.

I have read your letter with care, and I hope our friends next congress will try to repair the fallow they have committed. One thing I can confidentially assure you that if the Democrats have lost Ohio, 1 it can be rightly charged to our friends Tapan, Allen and Bentons course

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in the senate. Allen and Tapan was obliged to be silent on the Texian question or obliged to take the ground of Clay and support his position. Thousands of Col. Bentons speeches were republished by the Whiggs all over the Union, and as I am informed by influential democrats every where has injured the democratic cause over the whole west. How elevated, would have been the situation of Col. Benton had he seized the Texian flagg and brought it into the Union. I tell you in confidence, These Gentlemen have lost the confidence of the democracy, and it will require time for them to regain it. I hope they may. Had not Tyler withdrawn, the democracy would have lost Ohio by 10,000 votes. The Whiggs have gained the Legislature but my old friend Moses Dawson writes me on the 14 that the Governor election is still doubtfull. If Tod is elected 2 the democracy will carry the state in Novbr.

1 They had.

2 David Tod, unsuccessful as candidate for governor of Ohio in 1844; governor in 1862 and 1863.